

News Release

Beautiful U Day Grants funded at UMC

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has an attractive campus, but on April 20, UMC will begin a series of projects that will make the campus even more beautiful. The projects are part of Beautiful U Day, an annual initiative celebrating the University's natural resources, buildings, and grounds.

A tradition since 1997, Beautiful U Day combines the efforts of faculty, staff, students, and community members in projects that will enhance the campus. Funding was awarded to University departments and student groups across the State for projects including: litter clean-up, landscaping improvements, academic symposia, arts projects, and building clean-outs.

UMC submitted 15 Beautiful U Day proposals and 11 were funded. "Peg Sherven, coordinator of UMC's Computer Help Desk, did a great job of getting everyone motivated to submit proposals," said UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey, "the credit goes to Peg for championing this great opportunity."

Beautiful U Day projects receiving funding at UMC include:

- UMC Facilities Management Grounds Department will implement a tree nursery for growing trees to be moved onto the campus along with the assembling identification markers for plant materials on campus.
- UMC Math, Science and Technology Department propose to enhance the halls of Dowell Hall with photographs that represent scientific endeavors and entrepreneurships.
- University of Minnesota-Crookston Horticulture Student Club will correctly label all of the plants in the new Perennial Study Garden.
- Crookston Horseman's Association will commission a horse sculpture and coordinate landscaping in the front of the University Teaching and Outreach Center.
- UMC National Resources Club and Student Chapter Wildlife Society will purchase walkway paving stones that will allow visitors to tour plantings as they move from one biome to another.
- Crookston IT Professionals Club (ITPROS) and Music/Theatre students have plans to beautify the first floor hallway of Dowell Hall, as well as the music department in Kiehle Hall.
- Student Athletic Advisory Council will be painting, planting trees and beautifying the UMC Outdoor Athletics Complex.
- Crookston Student Association is planning to clean-up and organize the Hafslo Building on campus.
- UMC Resident Advisors plan to build and design a flower garden with perennial flowers and shrubs outside of Skyberg Hall.
- The Early Childhood Club and Clovia Club plan to create a sensory garden and playground for the Early Childhood Development Center on the Crookston campus.

- The student Bonsai Club will lay Planning and constructing a Japanese garden on the southwestern corner of the UMC mall.

For more information on Beautiful U Day at the University of Minnesota, please visitwww.buday.umn.edu UMC is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution and a coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota. If you are interested in learning more about how you can be involved in Beautiful U Day, please contact Peg Sherven at psherven@umn.edu

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